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constitutional possibility, as this Committee, he has been a judge sitpaner recently suggested, is quite an- ting in his own cause.

cifically says: "The following per- ble disinterest. sons shall be excluded from registering nd voting: Idiots, insane persons and prohibition and the Raleigh schools. paupers," etc., etc. Similarly the Newport News Times-Herald, noting our As far as Raleigh goes, prohibition auggestion as to how the electorate

tution, which prescribes the "qualifithat follows is evidently but an ampli-cation and fuller explanation of the open this morning for a period of two months.

Mobile had financial troubles with the Supreme Court has decided that one of these qualifications, namely poll-tax

It is quite true, as the Predericks- rights. burg paper points out, that the Legislature has nearly always had as much

The Cimes (Signalch excited, he was battling for his own, inheritance it is far otherwise. is an active member. "When the gention of the kind," he shouted on the floor the other day, "and that my firm about it." My firm" and "your firm" appear to have figured considerably in unfortunately some day, and on the ions, and should silence him while

Yet this Congressman is quoted as The Fredericksburg Free Lance sug- "sarcastically attacking" the testimony expenses. If the government were to ests that, with the exception of the of F. P. Lynch, Theodore Knoppen and even-year period under the Under- other Minnesota lumbermen, "saying wood Constitution, the Legislature has they were largely interested in Cana always had as much authority as this decision gives it, and that, in any for selfish ends." Is it possible that ase, future Legislatures will be he conceives his own demand for hosen by the purified and restricted heavily protected lumber to be dicelectorate prescribed by the Constitu- tated by pure unselfishness, by broadtion. Legislatures so elected, it very minded patriotism and public-spirited reasonably argues, are not likely to consideration of the wishes of others? reasonably argues, are not likely to consideration of the wishes of the distinction that we have pointed out is ties in regard to the franchise. The natural analogy for a financially in-Norfolk Landmark calls attention to terested tariff-maker rebuking others ection 23 of the Constitution, which for a failure to show a large and no-

In North Carolina did not stop with might be debased for the purposes of simply shutting up the saloons. It might be decisions, says: "All this, we also shut up the schools, quite as sethink, would be prevented by the curely as the thirst emporiums. Ra-various clauses in the Constitution re-But suppose that these registration decorous and profitable institution. In auses, also, were ignored or over-dden. Suppose that some future seemed to settle the liquor question

Legislature should elect, for its own in Raleigh very satisfactorily, and it urposes, to do away with the regis- paid into the city treasury a welcome quirement entirely for special \$60,000 or \$80,000 a year, of which the elections, just as it has already done schools got about a third. State-wide the six months' prepayment prohibition automatically wiped out requirement for special elections. It the dispensary, and with it the profits might be very forcibly argued that and the helpful contributions to the stood on all school revenues. Early in March the fours, and that the right to discard one School Board found that it had not forc, it is most necessary for Congress of them implies the right to discard another dellar at its disposal, and Section 18 of the Constiall the schools and try to borrow cations of voters," is a general summary of the whole franchise article. All

rules laid down here. This section de-fines the conditions which must be an educational centre hardly likes to go net to obtain the right "to vote for through a third of the school year bers of the General Assembly and without a single school in operation. elective by the people," as The citizens promptly voted to imollows; (1) The applicant must be a pose an additional tax on themselves, sale citizen who has attained his ma-but the money so derived was not to jority; (2) he must have duly estab- be available until next year. Now the ished a residence; (3) he must be reg- School Board has finally met the sitered; and (4) he must have paid nation by raising money on the se years' poll-taxes six months prior strength of these prospective tax ection, as prescribed elsewhere, funds, and the Raleigh schools, after then, are four distinct qualifiations laid down by the Constitution, open this morning for a period of

epayment, does not apply to special ton had a narrow escape from disciections. It has deliberately author-ized the Legislature to discard this City and county tax rates are being qualification and to substitute for it raised all through North Carolina, and mentioned in the Consti- we read that "many citizens complain tution. We have therefore suggested bitterly that they are being taxed that if the Legislature can supplant more heavily than they can bear. one of these qualifications as to special But, of course prohibition always deelections, and receive Supreme Court stroys sources of revenue, and the enit might be able to supplant suing deficits must be recouped some any or all. If No. 4 of the above how. Believers in prohibition should qualifications applies only to general pay in increased taxes without compay in increased taxes without complaint, since that is the necessary price
footing; and if the Legislature of 1998
was free to drop the constitutional
restriction in regard to prepaying politaxes, we know no reason why some
citizens who find themselves levied
future Legislature should not feel fees future Legislature should not feel free upon to support a theory which they to drop the constitutional restrictions do not approve, but which, on the con in regard to citizenship, residence or trary, they bitterly resent as a highhanded invasion of their personal

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One of the most obvious steps in the program of making taxes more equi-

unnecessary to offer comment. He was produce this income. With a tax or and he later manually apologized. But that case the government takes a share what shall be said in extenuation of of the accumulated capital which the levy higher tribute on the people in true, is levied in money, but in effect it an industry in which he is financially amounts to taking so many acres of interested? Fordney has made no secret of his proprietary interest in the yards of cloth and so many miles of question of lumber importation. It railroad from the ownership of an inwas fully understood during the hear- dividual and transferring it to the ownings before the Ways and Means Com- ership of the government. In other mittee, of which quasi-judicial body he words, the government steps in and tleman says that there is a combina- with it the estate of the decedent.

Now if the government takes the bors or plants forests or erects buildthe debates. That a Congressman's ings, the capital of the nation has not been lessened, for what was permanent frankly aired in connection with pro- wealth in the hands of the individual posed taxation seems to us a striking has been transformed into permanent evidence of the kind of demoralization wealth in the hands of the government. THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF THE Which the distribution of government ward LAW DECISION.

Our contemporaries in the State are not inclined to think that the latitude not inclined to think that the latitude have been thinking for other mill-owners too, penses, as, for example, in extending that the latitude have been thinking for other mill-owners too, penses, as, for example, in extending that the latitude have been thinking for other mill-owners too, penses, as, for example, in extending that the latitude have been thinking for other mill-owners too, penses, as, for example, in extending that the latitude have been thinking for other mill-owners too, penses, as, for example, in extending the latitude have been thinking for other mill-owners too. the Ward law decision may work out lumber schedules invalidate his opin- for target practice or in paying milltary or old age pensions, the wealth whole we agree with them. But these schedules are being discussed, of the nation is actually and demonstrasuch unfortunate results are As a member of the Ways and Means bly being dissipated. It will not do. therefore, for the government to treat sums derived from inheritance as a fund that can be used for its operating take this course, matters might well come to a point where the capital of the citizens would be disbursed through governmental expenditure for unproductive undertakings, and the citizens would be compelled to either forego the habit of saving or submit to seeing their property squandered by the government.

likely to be followed, but it is none the less well worth the most careful consideration of those who are charged with raising the revenue and disbursing the income of nations.

As we pointed out on Tuesday last, the total inheritance taxes in America amount to only \$10,000,000, of which \$8,000,000 comes from New York and Pennsylvania alone. In England, however, the duties on estates furnished £10,500,000 for the year ending March 31, 1907, while the duties on legacies, concessions and probates brought up In Belgium succession duties furnished

25,000,000 francs, and in Italy for the
same period the taxes on concessions
produced 33,000,000 like. If the United States, therefore, goes into the Federal inheritance tax we may expect a very large sum to be derived from that source, probably not less than \$159,000. 600 per annum. For this reason, there and the public at large to consider carefully what the effect of an inherftance tax really is and how the rev caue derived from this source should

air, rayne airly suggests that wo-men can do without kid gloves, if they don't like the tax, and wear cotton ones or silk mitts instead. It'll be a coolish day when this brazen old sin-ner is ever asked to address a Mothers' Congress or the like of that.

One collateral but highly important result of Mr. Taft's election is that it has effectually silenced Chancellor

Our statisticians tell us that the exheir to the Servian throne has, in ef-fect, been kleked upstairs, anything being upstairs from the viewpoint of the Servian throne.

"Ambassador Eliot" makes as pleasant and euphonious a collocation of words as has occurred to us in some

According to the Toledo Blade, the

Owing to exigencies wholly beyond owing to exigences whoth beyond our control, the old question has been shifted and people are now asking-each other: What will our ex-Presi-lents do to us?

Turn about is fair play. Here is a Chinese missionary society forwarding \$20 to help uplift the natives of

Borrowed Jingles.

SEISMIC DOMESTICITY.

He left behind a gentle wife,
A home all calm and sweet;
To these, from all the cares of life,
He nightly would retreat,

Alas! he hurried home that night, Fond visions in his breast, To find o'crwheiming, awful blight, Had fallen on his nest!

Had lightning struck the little flat And ripped the place in twain? There was no spot to lay his hat— He put it on again. There was no place to hang his coat, No chair in which to sit; A cloud of dust went down his throat— Of supper, not a bit!

The bureau overfilled the door Their trunks were on the bed; There was no carpet on the floor, The bric-a-brac had fled,

His wife was somewhere in the gloom, He seemed to hear her voice; Then came in contact with a broom— And left—he had no choice.

MERELY JOKING.

Advising the Artist.

"Mister, you're wasting time sketching that old ruined bridge."
"Indeed?" "Yes; there's a fine new steel bridge just a mile farther on,"--Pittsburg Post,

The Courtin'. "Your daughter looks a trifle peaked."
"Yes; she's been sitting up a good deal
lately with a lovesick friend,"—Louisville
Courier-Journal.

"Roosevelt will be perfectly at home in Africa. He kin make his way anywhere. "You bet. The world is his Oyster Bay, —Washington Heraid."

His Specialty.

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, "you don't want to listen to no hard-luck story, do "Not a bit of it."
"You relieve my r "You relieve my mind. If you want to hear somethin' worth while, you jest gimme a chance to show what I kin do as an after-dinner speaker."—Washington Star,

Small Resistance. Magistrate-Did you arrest the prisoner McNutty? -

McNutty? — McNutty—Ol did, yer Honot, Officer McNutty—Old he offer any resistance? Officer McNutty—Only \$2, yer Honor,—Chicago Daily News. Following Precedents. "That boy of mine is just bound to be President,"

"he chopped down a cherry tree and then split it into rails,"-Puck, WISDOM IN SMALL DOSES.

Scientific indorsements are a great thing, but benzoate of soda has thus far failed to make its appearance among the luxuries on the menu-card,—Ceveland Leader.

At least President Ellot is no reactionist.
There is all the vigor of the original kick
in his final report on teo strenuous feetball.—New York World. When a man nowadays says "T. R. is a fake," he never has to stop and explain that he means tariff revision, and not our greates. American hunter.—Washington Herald.

. Los Angeles woke up one morning to find that Harriman owned a controlling interest in her street rallways. But no-body need be surprised to find that his rope has settled on the horns of any mayerick; he will probably own the first American airship line.—Jacksonville Times-Union

Union,

It is evident that when it comes to hitting "Uncle Joe's" delivery. Champ Clark cannot bat hard enough to get a betth in a bush league.—Denver Republican.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Montville, in the State of Maine, has ejected Charles Nelson Allen town clerk for the twenty-second time. The town meeting was held on his sixty-second birthday, He's as much one of the town's institutions as the old North Rhidge meeting-house, his next door neighbor.

Acting upon a petition from Bayside, A. C. Hankins, Superintendent of Street Cleaning in Queens, has appointed a woman as collector of ashes and garbage in the Bayside territory. The appointee is Mrs. Mary Tiorney, and she is probably the only woman on the New York City payroll in that yapacity.

churia, especially throughout the fertile Liao Valley, are naturally adapted to the abundant production of Indian corn. The rich alluvial soil, together with the long, hot summer days and warm nights, combined with copious showers, constitute ideal conditions for the successful production of corn.

China is an agricultural country, and more than two-thirds of its vast popula-

Commoner has been carried to the commoner of failure to practice what it preaches.

Gas Addicks, of Delaware, has been fined \$410 on a contempt of court charge. It is a pretty liberal and charge. It is a pretty liberal and charge. It is a pretty liberal and charge in the feels only \$110 spain is the largest olive oil producing spain in the largest olive oil producing spain is the largest olive oil producing spain in the largest olive oil produ

hating the yield.

Spain is the largest olive oil producing country in Europe. A good harvest gives about 500,000 tons of oil. Its home consumption is very considerable, and it is probable that the high market price will prevent its exportation. If next spring the olive groves give hopes of a large crop, the prices of Spain will drop, affecting foreign markets, the American included.

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The Courts of Europe

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Trince William of Hohexpollern, who has just become a widower, was elected by the Roumanians as successor to his uncie, King Charles. But after spending a couple of years at Bucharcst as crown prince he developed such a distaste for the people who were to be his subjects and such a "helmweh," or home-sickness, for the Vakerland that he insisted upon renouncing the position in Roumania to his younger brother, Ferdinand.

A much more famous case is that of the Cxarovitch Constantine Paulovitch. To this day the true reasons for his supersession by his younger brother, Nicholas, remain shrouded in mystery, According to some, it was due to his morganatic marriage with the lovely Polish Courtess Jeanne Grudzinska, created Princess Lovicz after being divorced from her Saxe-Coburg consort. According to others, it was because he himself was convinced that his ungovernable temper and his leaning towards the Orient rather than to the Cocident, also the deficencies of his education, unfitted him for the difficult role of Emperor. There are still others who attribute his act of renunciation to remores for complicity in the murder of his crazy father, Paul I.; while, according to yet another story, he made way for Nicholas because he had piedged himself to grant a constitutional form of government to the people, and had become convinced that, if he fulfilled his piedges, it would be fatal to his dynasty and to the nation. Certain it is that the so-called Decembrist conspiracy, which signalized the commencement of the reign of his brother, Nicholas, was organized an officers who were clamoring for a constitution, and who were bent upon placing Constantine on the throne, in order that Russia might be endowed with a popular form of government. The watchwqrd of the conspiracy was "Constantine and Constitution," and so great was the popular ignorance which prevalled in those days in Russia that many of the jour classes of the people, who had been induced by their superiors to take part in the revolutionary rising, were convinced

the pollsh, comeliness and majestic presence of his elder brother, Alexander I. and of his younger brother. Nicholas I. But he was a very successful general, and, although not the eldest son of a Czar, received, nevertheless, the title of Czarovitch from Alexander I., in recognition of his victories on the neld of battle. In Poland he was well liked, and ruled the country with ability and judgment, assisted by his Secretary of State, Hauke, whose forbears included Hebrows and Lutheran pastors. Hauke's daughter became, through her clopement and morganatic marriage with Prince Alexander of Hesse, the mother of the various Battenberg princes, one of whom ruled for a time over Bulgaria, another is admiral commanding the channel squadron of the English nevy, while still another brother, now dead, was the father of the young Queen of Spain.

Spain.

Lady Elcho, who is now staying at Washington with her son, Hugo Francis Charteris, one of the secretaries of the British embassy, is a daughter of the Hon. Percy Wyndham, of Clouds, in Wittshire; is through him a grand-daughter of the first Lord Leconfield, and is familiar to many people in this country through one of John S. Sargent's masterpieces, the painting in question representing her and her two sisters, Lady Tennant and Mrs. Charles of the Row. Really it does seem up to Mr. Ferdinand P. Earle now to supply the language with the opposite of "affinity."

Master Kermit Roosevelt, the accredited photographer of the expedition, will kindly supply us with a large cabinet picture of his father dropping out of public view.

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Master Kermit Roosevelt, the accredited photographer of the expedition, will be required to furnish, without cost, duplicates of all pictures taken. Moving-cabinet picture of his father dropping out of public view.

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Graces, a title well merited, which has stuck to Lady Elcho and to her two fascinating and gifted slaters ever since.

Lord Elcho is the cidest son and heir of that wonderful old Scotch grand seigneur, the Earl of Wemyss and March, who is now in his ninety-first year, and who, when eighty-two, tempted matrimony for a second time by marrying a Miss Grace Blackburn. When, in the ordinary course of events this hale and hearty Scottish chieftain is gathered to his fathers, his son will become tenth Earl of Wemyss and sixth Earl of March, while Hugo Charteris, now at Washington, will blossom forth as Lord Elcho and his father, Lord Wemyss, whose name should be pronounced as "Weemz," are descended from that Sir David Wemyss who in the thirteenth century was one of the Scotch magnates chosen to convey Queen Margaret, the maid of Norway, from Scandinavia to Scotland on her accession in her mother's right to the Scottish crown, and at Wemyss Castle there still exists the curious silver Norwegian bow presented by the then King of Norway to this Sir David Wemyss, The territory or shire of Wemyss's is situated on the north shore of the Firth of Forth, and is said to derive its name from the caves in its rocky coast, the walls of which are sculptured with the work of early Christian missionaries, to whom they furnished shelter. The first member of the Wemyss family to bear the title of earl was Sir John Wemyss, woo was created Earl of Wemyss and Baron Elcho by Charles I, in spite of which he sided with the parliamentarians against his royal master. The fourth earl was Queen Anne's Lord High Admiral of Scotland, and one of the commissioners for concluding the treaty of union between England and Scotland. The fifth earl married the daughter and heirers of Colonel Francis Charteris, of Amisfield, and from that time forth the Wemysses have al-ways berne the name of Charteris in conjunction with their former patronymic.

It seems a pity that so illustrious and historic a house as that of Wemyss

Newport News Times-Hersid.

Militarism.

Let us stop where we are before we convert the navy into a side pocket that absorbs a great part of our taxation while it is threatening us with continued and disastrous foreign wars. To-day the feared expenditure of \$30,000,000 has grown to \$136,000,000 without in any way satisfying the clamorous demands of the jingo for more money. Between them, the army and the navy cost nearly \$250,000,000 per year, which lays a burden of over \$15 on every lamily of five.—The Times-Dispatch.

This is a showing that should make every citizen of this country pause and consider. Ships, ships, all the time more ships; a standing army increased, and millions and millions of dollars spent—these are some of the results of the Spanish-American War and Theodore Roosevelt, Where will it end? When will the advocates of a large navy and standing army be satisfied? The first question is hard to answer, but the second is caster. Never, The larger the navy, the larger it must be; the more soliders under arms, the more will be necessary. Your true milliarist is never satisfied, and if left to himself will impoverbly the country or embroil us in a foreign war, or both. The Spanish Mar lasted only a few months, but the results we still see in a big deficit and higher taxes.—Lynchburg is best and the country or embroil us in a foreign war.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

children for whom the levied.
Should we not maget what is required for the development of the child?
Virginia's children deserve the best.
J. WALTER HUFFINGTON.
Prin. Front Royal Public Schools.
March 18, 1909.

The Penalty of Honesty.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—It takes a courageous man te go through life without crippling his conscience for policy's sake. We would have more honesty of expression if men could afford it, but many a man's mouth is closed and he acts the hypotometric because he is too feeble morally to stand up against public opinion it. The recent agitation of certain minds over the substance of a lecture by Dr. W. H. Taylor, of this city, in which he amounced his sincere belief concerning the evolution of man and his final-ol-ity, is but another evidence of the intogene of any freedom of thought, ispeech or helief not in accord with orthodox custom.

It is no disgrace, subject of censure of any man to reach conclusions and "beliefts" through the reasoning processes of his own brain. Man is no longer a free agent nor a responsible creature when we deny him this right. We have no desire to de-

Slaughter of the Robins.

The Office of Division Superintendent.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—All over the State the matter of the division superintendency is being discussed just now, in view of the fact that the time of election of these officials is very near at hand.

Until recently, and probably at present in the minds of many persons, the belief seemed to be that almost any man is suitable for this office. Those who have such thoughts are nuitrely and an insuitable for this office. Those who have such thoughts are nuitrely and does affect the progress of the public schools expert in the division of the division of the control of the country in the division of the country in the division of the country in the country of the count